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Dear

Thank you for your email of 16 June 2016 requesting the following information:

"Please list all meetings between Dmytro Firtash or those on his behalf and staff acting on behalf the Ministry of Defence or its agents between January 1, 2012 and March 12, 2014.

- b) Please state the names of all individuals present at those meetings.*
- c) Please provide the agenda for each meeting as well as notes or minutes taken, or if minutes are not available provide a summary of what was discussed and agreed.*

2. a) *Please state the total sum received in payment for 206 Brompton Road, sold in February 2014 to Dmytro Firtash. Please note, I require the total sum actually transferred, not the sum promised.*

b) Please state how the above sum was paid, e.g was it in cash, bank draft etc."

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can confirm that some information in scope of your request is held. I have answered each question below.

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Please state the names of all individuals present at those meetings.
Please provide the agenda for each meeting as well as notes or minutes taken, or if minutes are not available provide a summary of what was discussed and agreed.

This information is not held.

Please state the total sum received in payment for 206 Brompton Road, sold in February 2014 to Dmytro Firtash. Please note, I require the total sum actually transferred, not the sum promised.
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This information falls entirely within the scope of the qualified exemptions provided for at Section 43 (Commercial interests).

Section 43 is a qualified exemption and is subject to public interest testing which means that the information requested can only be withheld if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that the sale was conducted by an independent marketing agent and we hold no records of any meetings between MOD staff and Mr Firtash or those on his behalf.

If you are not satisfied with this response or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, 2nd Floor, Zone N, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review must be made within 40 working days of the date on which the attempt to reach informal resolution has come to an end.

If you remain dissatisfied following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate your case until the MOD internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, <http://www.ico.org.uk>.

Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat